

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SAVING A  
DEFINITION FOR AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A number of items of data are obtained from a data source (12), and are processed and then stored in a data destination (16-17). The data items may each include image data, text data, numeric data or some other type of data, or a combination of these different types of data. The processing of the data is controlled by a project definition (14, 71, 101), which includes several modules selected from a variety of available modules (Tables 1-4). The modules have input and output ports that are interrelated by binding information. Each project definition is expressed in a public communication protocol, one example of which is the eXtensible Markup Language (XML) protocol.

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